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PARTY AND SOVIET PUBLIC HEALTH MAINTENANCE

In a recent meeting of the members of parties and councils, several speakers indicated the need for better public health service in the USSR. For example, the Moscow Ninth Oblast Conference and Eighth Municipal Conference of the Communist Party(b) voted to act on the resolution submitted by G. M. Popov to improve the means for purifying the air in the city of Moscow. The Conference also agreed to study the methods for improving the over-all health service to the populace of Moscow.

G. A. Arutyunov, in a speech given before the Fifteenth Conference of the Communist Party of Armenia, sharply criticized the health agencies in this Republic for not fulfilling their health service norms. The unification of hospitals and polyclinics is progressing slowly, and not enough importance is being attached to various agricultural health institutions. Conference members agreed to improve the agricultural health service and strengthen the methods for controlling tuberculosis and malaria.

The Communist Party has played a leading role in all of these programs. Through cooperation of the Party, prophylactic and therapeutic stations are now able to operate efficiently in Ukrainian and Belorussian cities. In Voroshilovgrad the Party aided in determining methods for improving the existing health service agencies. The successes achieved by the cooperation of the Moscow Party organizations and Public Health enterprises gave rise to similar programs in Leningrad, Gor'kiy, Odessa, Murmansk, Sverdlovsk, and many other large cities.

In many areas, the cooperation between the Party and the various health agencies is not satisfactory. This is illustrated very clearly by the backwardness of Public Health agencies in Chernov Rayon, Saratov Oblast, where hospitals have not been repaired for many years, and at Lukoyanov, Votkinsk, Kalinin, Sverdlov, and Sergach Rayon, Saratov Oblast, where Public Health personnel have never been paid on time, and at Donerka, Odessa Oblast, where repairs to a hospital are still incomplete.

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